



Nez Perce News

2007 Forest Accomplishments

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Happy Holidays

Another Year Come and Gone!

The year 2007 was one of history making. This last summer was the third largest fire season based on acres burned on the Nez Perce National Forest. With over 185,000 acres burned on the Nez and 424,975 acres burned in Idaho County, it provided quite a challenge for all the cooperators in the Clearwater-Nez Perce Fire Zone. Even more, I appreciate the hard work of forest personnel, cooperating agencies, elected officials and public members that resulted in a safe season. I feel very fortunate there were no major injuries or accidents.

Changes are continuing on the forest. Steve Williams left earlier this fiscal year for the Custer National Forest. We have been fortunate to have both Ron Jablonski and Earl Stewart help us this year as acting Deputy Forest Supervisor.

Jack Carlson, Slate Creek District Ranger, retired in April, bringing us John Carlson as acting District Ranger. Melany Glossa, Ecosystem Staff Officer, accepted the District Ranger Position on the Willamette National Forest. Darcy Pederson will be tackling the challenge as District Ranger for both Clearwater and Salmon River Districts.

The forest continues to work through the changes to its organization to meet the challenges of increasing efficiencies and reducing costs. These steps are taken in order to meet the budgetary challenges while continuing to provide quality service to the public. I hope the future organizational direction will be in place by the beginning of the new year.

Lastly, the community and the entire forest have been great while managing the challenge of moving the Supervisor's Office and the Clearwater Ranger District to the new office at 104 Airport Road here in Grangeville. I believe this year has been one of multiple lessons. A few I learned this year are:

- Beginning and ending of fire season is not predictable.
- Fire season will begin early when key people are on vacation.
- It is good that government leases and moves only occur every 20 years!

I would like to thank all the employees and the people in the community for assisting the forest to have a safe, successful year. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season.



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Nez Perce Forest Facts

Total Acres: 2.2 Million acres (Half Wilderness)

Ranger Districts: Clearwater, Red River, Moose Creek, and Salmon River

Number of Employees - 191 Permanent and Part-Time Employees

113 Temporary Employees at "peak" season (July, 2007)

Range of Elevations within Forest: The highest is He Devil at 9,393 ft. The lowest is Jones Creek at 1083 ft. Both are on the Salmon River District.



Upper Slate Lake in the Gospel-Hump Wilderness

Wilderness Areas: Gospel Hump - 200,464 acres, Frank Church-River of No Return - 105,736 acres, Selway Bitterroot - 560,088 acres, and the Hells Canyon Wilderness - 59,900 acres in Nez Perce Forest (administered by the Wallowa-Whitman Forest)

Wild & Scenic Rivers: Rapid River, Salmon River, Selway River and Middle Fork of the Clearwater River (150 miles)

National Trails: East Boyd-Glover-Roundtop and Meadow Creek on the Moose Creek Ranger District. Anderson Butte Trail #505/835 on the Red River Ranger District:

Scenic Byways: Northwest Passage Scenic Byway

Inventoried Roadless Areas: 17 roadless areas totalling 492,908 acres

Unique Places or Uses: Florence, Gospel-Hump area, Elk City Wagon Road, Seven Devils/Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, Salmon River, Selway River, Moose Creek Wilderness Area and the Magruder Corridor.

Administrative Services

The Supervisor's Office/Clearwater Ranger District Reception desk, located in Grangeville, made a minimum of 7294 contacts between September 30, 2006 and October 1, 2007. These contacts were external and internal customers as well as brochure distribution and mail responses. Mushroom permits contributed heavily to the spring visitor totals as well as firewood permits.

We had 297 responses to the Wildflower Coloring contest also in the spring. Brochures were provided to the Classic Car show during Border Days, Elk City Wagon Road Days, the Clearwater NF campfire program, Pittsburg Landing Visitor Center (Wallawa-Whitman NF), Lolo Pass Visitor Center (Clearwater NF) and Darby Ranger District (Lolo NF) during the summer. Late summer found us providing information (in person and by way of brochures) to visitors at the Idaho and Nez Perce county fairs.

Contacts also included multiple requests for visitor maps throughout the year including requests from the Payette, Clearwater and Wallowa-Whitman NF's for sale to the public.

Visitors: 5644

Brochure distribution: 1590

Mail requests/responses: 60

Budget & Finance

The Budget Section and residual Finance section currently has two full-time positions. One full time Resource assistant does the residual finance work along with her General Service Administration/Working Capital Fund Fleet duties for the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests and non-recreation special use duties. With this staff we were able to accomplish all the tasks related to Budget and residual financial work within the required timeframes. Below is a recap of our accomplishments:

- Coordinated with Acquisition Management to submit quarterly accrual and unliquidated obligation reports within prescribed timeframes.
- Responded to 9 audit samples.
- Timely completion of quarterly cookbook verifications.
- Completed the forest collection officer's audits for FY07.
- Performed midyear and third quarter reviews and documented such.
- Participated in fire support activities with Karon Coburn, budget analyst on the buying team and assisting in the reviewing of Emergency Equipment Rental Agreement (EERA) payment packages, Lisa Canaday driving and assisting in the processing of fire time reports and reviewing EERA payment packages. Linda serving as assistant to the Incident Budget Analyst on 3 Type 2 Teams, including the Clearwater National Forest. Also reviewed EERA payment packages and prepared fire time reports for timely submissions to the pay centers.
- Worked with Albuquerque Service Center and Administrative Center of Excellence to resolve issues on pay, travel, Transfer Of Station, Real Property, adjustments, obligations and claims (Unit Claims Liaison for Clearwater/Nez Perce National Forests).

The forest received a final allocation of \$14,837,900. This amount does not include any additions for funds received during the course of the year or reductions for Office of Worker's Compensation Program/UCI. National fire transfers were requested and the Nez Perce was able to contribute \$89,500 of appropriated funds and \$359,385 in Fuels/Fire.

Conservation Education

Moose Creek Ranger District:

- Hosted Region 1 Wilderness Ranger Rendezvous
- Hosted Inter-Forest Tribal Youth Camp
- Hosted Montana Youth Corps Training Camp
- Packstring in Border Days Parade
- Packstring in Stites Parade
- Hosted Sophomore Day for Kooskia High School



Grangeville 5th Grade Outdoor Skills Day

Red River Ranger District:

- Presented the wilderness trunk to Elk City School in Oct. (07) included in the Fire Squirts program.
- Set up model low impact camp at Red River Ranger Station, location offers a chance to contact hunters going to the SBW, FCRONR and GHW. Provided wilderness hunters information and checked feed to be weed free. (Oct 07 camp run by Back Country Horsemen volunteer)
- Trail crew/Wilderness Ranger/volunteers made one on one and small group contacts/ presentations in the wilderness.
- Demonstrated a model low impact camp and provided wilderness education at the Outdoor Show in Lewiston Idaho.
- Participated in the Kids Fishing Derby at Karolyn's Pond

Salmon River Ranger District:

- White Bird Rodeo- Smokey Bear and his "Prevent unwanted Wildfire" message was presented during the White Bird Days Parade.
- White Bird Rodeo- Stick horse race. Children, ages 1 to 9 participated in this Smokey Bear sponsored race. Three lucky winners had their photos taken with Smokey and were awarded a brass belt buckle for their efforts.
- Riggins- Smokey Bear and his "Prevent unwanted Wildfire" message was presented during the Riggins Rodeo Parade.
- Riggins- Stick horse race" Children, ages 1 to 8 participated in this Smokey Bear sponsored race. Three lucky winners had their photos taken with Smokey and were awarded a brass belt buckle for their efforts. More than 35 kids participated in this race!
- Smokey Bear's prevent unwanted wildfire campaign: Smokey Bear and district employees visited local schools in the Salmon River Canyon, spreading the word about safe camping and fire safety.
- Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear preschool campaign: Smokey and Woodsy visited local preschools to help district employees teach lessons in fire safety and pollution. Visits coincided with ongoing Earth Day activities in the Salmon River Canyon.
- Smokey Bear's Back to School Program: Smokey and district personnel provided nearly 150 school children in the Salmon River with a "Back to School" packets for their return to school this fall. Packets included school staples such as pencils, but also folders with fire ecology and wildland fire use information.
- SCA/Conservation Internship Program: The Salmon River RD hosted two interns this year, providing education in fire management and fire prevention.
- Fire Mitigation Education Program: This year the district implemented a homeowner education program that reached over 150 people in the Salmon River Canyon. This project provided information and education about defensible space and providing free assessments for structures within the wildland urban interface. This was a joint program conducted with Idaho County, the Idaho Department of Lands, Clearwater RC&D, Salmon Rural Volunteer Fire Department, and the Bureau of Land Management.
- Landscaping for Fire Safety: Program directed toward homeowner association meetings in the Salmon River Canyon. Residents were provided an overview of how to landscape around the home in the wildland urban interface.
- Idaho County Fair: and Nez Perce County Fair: District personnel designed and presented an interpretive display on fire for the Idaho County and Nez Perce County fairs. The display addressed our fire history on the Zone, as well as past and current management strategies.

Clearwater Ranger District:

- Clearwater RD staff participated in 7th Grade Field Days at Fish Creek Meadows Campground.
- Participated in the Take your Child to Work Day.
- Clearwater RD staff, co-sponsored the 19th Annual Free Fishing Day event at Wilkins Pond. One hundred and eleven young fishermen and women joined us for a very successful day of fishing. The event is sponsored by IDFG, BLM, USFS, private land owners, Lions Club and area merchants.



Right: Laura Fischer having fun with Woodsy and Smokey Bear during Free Fishing Day at Wilkins Pond - Photo by Liza Hammond.

Fire & Fuels Management

Seasonal Review: The 2007 fire season was very active and began somewhat earlier than normal in early July. Implementation of the Region One Appropriate Management Response (AMR) Strategy began with building Long Term Assessment Plans for the large complex fires

such as Rattlesnake (four Type 2 Incident Management Teams), Poe Cabin (one Type 1 and two Type 2 Teams), Bridge (one Type 3 Team) and Boundary Junction (one Type 3 Team).



Rattlesnake Fire takes off - Whoosh! Photo by Shepp Ranch

Rattlesnake Fire - 99,865 acres
Cost to Date - \$15,343,590

Poe Cabin Fire - 58,520 acres
Cost to Date - \$12,655,380

Bridge Fire - 43,500 acres
Cost to Date - \$390,000

Boundary - 5100 acres
Cost to Date - \$1.75 Million

Fire: The numbers for 2007 are interesting in that the fire starts were down to 2/3rds of average and the acreage burned was 11 times greater than average on the Nez Perce Forest, and 6 times greater on the Clearwater Forest. That in itself reflects a very dry, very hot fire season where even significantly larger numbers of resources may have had little more effect on the final outcome of these fires. It also indicates that managing large fires over a long period of time takes significant commitment of skilled Incident Management Teams to allow the Forests to manage the numbers and types of fires we typically have on the fire zone.

Fuels: The Clear/Nez Fire zone had a successful prescribed burning program which started in early April burning on the Salmon River breaks over Easter weekend which resulted in 2,617 acres of Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) & Non WUI target. This was our only spring burning window for ecosystem burning due to rain and green up along our river corridors. The spring burning season was followed quickly by a hot and dry summer which prevented any prescribed burning on the Clearwater ecosystem projects until early September, which is always challenging during fire season where we are managing wildland fire use events, AMR events and prescribed burning in the same time period. The Clearwater ecosystem burning was very successful and resulted in target being met for the zone including 2,000 acres of additional target for the Region. In early September the decision was made to ignite some of our ecosystem burn units on the Clearwater Forest. During this time period the Clear/Nez Zone was actively suppressing large wildland fires, managing three large AMR fires, along with 46 WFU fires. The intent of these prescribed burning projects was to reintroduce fire as a significant process within the ecosystem, thereby reducing the buildup of dead and down fuels, and increasing the seral diversity, which has the added value of enhancing elk habitat. A total of approximately 8,000 acres were ignited.

Smoke Management; One issue that continues to be challenging is smoke management coordination. This requires extensive communication and meetings throughout the year to facilitate burning when smoke conditions are not ideal due to other wildfire/wfu activities. We have actively worked with our regulator partners, and numerous processes/protocols have been, and are being developed to manage smoke more effectively.

2007 Kudos: Everyone did an excellent job of making safety the highest priority. In particular the expanded and buying teams provided outstanding support to all the agencies needs for well over 70 days. The districts and dispatch worked well in moving the zones resources to meet the needs for initial attack, extended attack, and to support large incidents across the zone. All the folks that helped in writing and keeping current the Long Term Assessments did an outstanding job of providing the right information for Line Officers to help guide good decisions on all the complex fire incidents we manage.

Clearwater Ranger District

Fuels Mgmt

- Accomplished 95 acres of BD/KV burning
- Performed pre- and post burn monitoring of past and future landscape prescribed fire projects
- Completed numerous intermediate and complex Burn Plans

Suppression/Fire Management

- Suppressed 19 wildland fires on the CRD (5.9 acres)
- Provided Initial and Extended Attack resources to the zone. Includes over 20 IA on the zone for CRD personnel
 - Nez Fires: 4-Slate Cr, 6-Red/Elk, 2-Fenn
 - CWF Fires: 1-Powell, 3-Lochsa
 - IDL Fires: 3-Maggie Cr, 3-Craig Mtn
- Dispatched an additional 3 modules (non-CRD personnel) from CRD to other units for IA and extended attack support (R3 engines)
- Assisted Zone as resource coordinator
- Supported Regional and National suppression efforts
 - 25 Off-Forest dispatches
- Helicopter Stats
 - 210 flight hours
 - 71,024 gallons of water delivered by bucket
 - 47,924 lbs of supplies and equipment delivered internally.
 - 64,656 lbs delivered by external load
 - 630 passengers
- Provided Fire personnel with an extensive amount of training opportunities
 - Trainee assignments: 45
 - Position Task Books initiated: 10
 - Position Task Books completed: 12

Red River Ranger District

Planning:

- Restarted, proposed, and removed Crooked Cove Fuels Project. Thanks a lot Rattlesnake Fire.
- Proposed West Dixie and South Township Fuels Projects for FY 08.
- Burn Plans developed for part of American and Crooked River Stewardship.
- Burn Plans developed for 806 Timber Sale activity fuels.
- Proposed Fuels Project with in the Red Pines Project area.

Implementation:

- 37 Wildland Fires, 5 of which were approved Wildland Fire Use events.
- 32 Suppression Fires burnt 100,678 acres. (Rattlesnake Fire was 100,670 acres)
- 5 Wildland Fire Use event burnt 1400.8 acres. (Concord fire was 1400 acres prior to being bit by the Rattlesnake)
- 2717 acres of natural fuels prescribed fire (HF) (ElkHorn Jersey & Whitewater). 1271 acres were in the WUI. (Almost all of this area was re-burnt by the Rattlesnake)
- An interesting note is that the Rattlesnake was not able to burn past the Whitewater RX Fire Project Boundary nor was Whitewater Ranch seriously threatened.
- 109 acres of activity fuels were treated. (BD/KV)



Firefighters wrapping structure at Dixie



This says it all. Photo by Bob Fogarty

Moose Creek Ranger District

- 45 Total Fires - Appropriate Management Response:
 - 20 Suppression fires = 3.3 acres
 - 25 fire use fires = 48,000 acres
- Structure protection:
 - Moose Creek Ranger Station
 - Bear Creek Bridge
 - Tony Point Bridge
 - East Moose Bridge
 - Pettibone Bridge
 - 3 heritage sites
- 56 personnel days in support of Clear/Nez Rx Fire program.
- Completed NEPA for O'Hara Forest Health project - 5,000 acres Rx fire.
- Organized and outfitted the Selway Fire Use Module for its second season.
- Provided personnel support to six different incidents within the Zone.
- Supplied instructors and helped coordinate S-131 at Advanced Guard School.
- Other fire crew accomplishments:
 - Cut/split 5 cords firewood for Moose Creek Ranger Station.
 - Cleared 50+ miles of trail around Moose Creek Ranger Station.
 - Cleared 285 miles of Forest Roads.
 - Constructed Gardiner repeater building.
 - Performed facility maintenance at Moose Creek RS.
 - Slashed and piled hazard trees w/n Selway corridor.
 - Constructed pole fence around horse pasture.
 - Supported hydrology work @ Horse Creek watershed.

Salmon River Ranger District

Hazardous Fuels Treatment:

Non-Wildland Urban Interface: Robbins Creek - 500 acres.

Wildland Urban Interface: Mud Springs - 108 Ac., Blue Mtn. - 1020 Ac., Adams Camp - 180 Ac., Kessler-Unit 2 - 406 Ac., Delmage Timber Sale - 100 Ac., and Ready Timber Sale - 925 Ac.

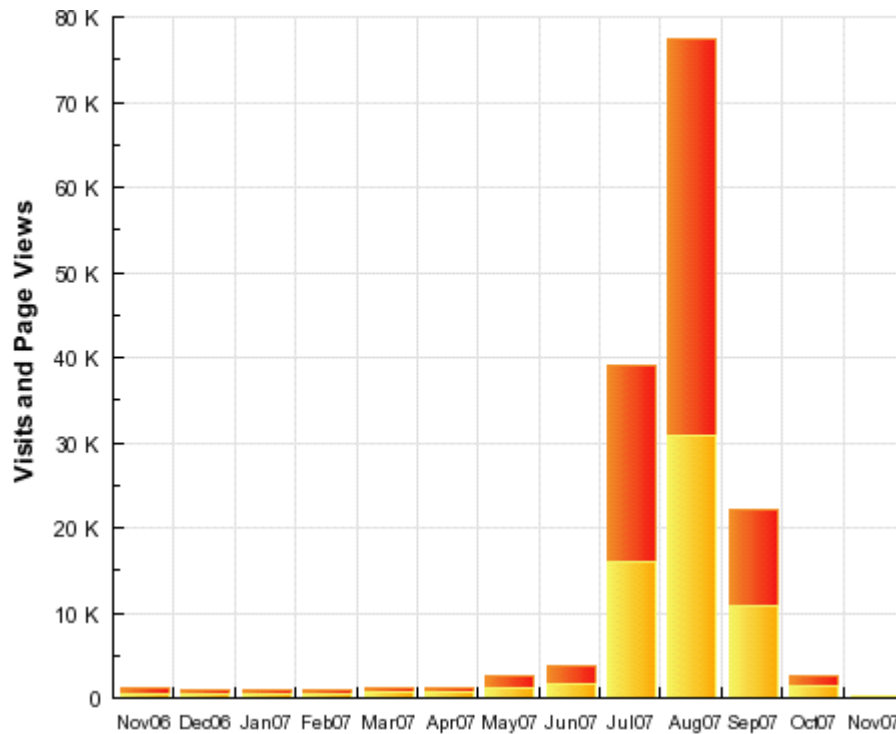
Total: 3239 Ac. WUI/Non-WUI

Brush Disposal acres treated : Floor Bugs and Morrison Mistletoe Timber Sales - 111 Ac.

The District had 25 wildland fires for a total of 13.65 acres. The district had 1 WFU fire in the Gospel Hump Wilderness for .2 ac.

The Poe Cabin Fire impacted 2147 acres on the Nez Perce National Forest - Salmon River R.D.

Grangeville Interagency Dispatch Center



A page view is any-time you click on the web page, while a page visit is when you spend time at that page and go to other subpages from that main web page.

Month of the Year	Visits	Page Views
Nov07	157	267
Oct07	1,525	2,597
Sep07	10,753	22,191
Aug07	30,732	77,528
Jul07	16,072	38,966
Jun07	1,579	3,659
May07	1,105	2,594
Apr07	682	1,286
Mar07	608	1,269
Feb07	466	976
Jan07	441	938
Dec06	418	966
Nov06	569	1,211

Fish Habitat Restoration

Clearwater Ranger District.

- Supported the Nez Perce Tribe in replacing the Covert Creek Culvert.
- Assisted with the Crooked River Instream Improvement work. Restoring over 4 miles of Crooked River in the past 2 seasons.
- Supported Cold Toes Timber Sale.
- Supported Blacktail Fuels Reduction.
- Supported Meadow Face Supplemental EIS.
- Supported Selway Crossing Improvement.
- Supported Regional fisheries program in PIBO Monitoring.
- Presented Crooked River Instream poster and the Idaho Chapter of American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting.

Red River Ranger District

- Completed 1.5 miles of species restoration work for bull trout and westslope cutthroat on our cooperative project with IDFG in Rainbow Creek and the West Fork of Crooked River.
- Completed 0.5 miles of fish distribution surveys for bull trout, brook trout, and westslope cutthroat.
- Completed a fire effects survey on 2.0 miles of stream in the Rattlesnake Fire area.
- Assisted a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service researcher with data and mapping for a project on fish distribution above and below culverts.



*Crooked River Instream Project -
photo by Laura Smith*

Continuing Cooperative Restoration Program Between The Nez Perce Tribe & Nez Perce Forest

The Nez Perce Tribe and Nez Perce National Forest continue to work together on a large program of aquatic restoration on the National Forest. Coordinated activities are ongoing in the following drainages: Slate Creek, Mill Creek, Meadow Creek (Clearwater Ranger District), Newsome Creek, Red River, and the Selway drainage.

Construction activities implemented in 2007 included providing stream simulation structures for aquatic passage at three sites (accessing 10 miles of habitat) and decommissioning 27 miles of road:

- Hepner Creek Culvert Replacement (Mill Creek) to improve fish passage
- Mare Creek Culvert Replacement (Newsome Creek) to improve fish passage
- Upper Red River Culvert Replacement to improve fish passage
- Covert Creek Culvert Replacement (Meadow Creek) to improve fish passage
- Upper Red River Decommissioning
- Orchard Creek Decommissioning (Meadow Creek)
- False Creek Instream Improvement (Meadow Creek)

Coordination, planning and design work is continuing on a suite of additional projects:

- Newsome Channel Restoration Design
- Newsome Road Decommissioning Phase II
- Selway Crossings NEPA and Design
- Gold Lake Tunnel Rehabilitation Design
- Red River Crossing Design (5 crossings)
- Red River Narrows Instream Improvement Design
- Slate Creek Crossing Surveys
- Meadow Creek Decommissioning Phase II Design
- Continued riparian restoration and fence maintenance in Meadow and Mill Creek watersheds

The Forest and Tribe continue to explore and expand the cooperative approaches used to accomplish restoration projects in order to increase efficiency and effectiveness of the program, including:

- Sharing responsibility for field design of projects.
- Utilizing Tribal employees as inspectors on FS contracts.

Facilities Operation & Maintenance

Some highlights of the Facilities Operation and Maintenance program included:

- Installed a new thermoplastic membrane roof for the Fire Warehouse at the Clearwater Ranger District.
- Completed 35,000 square ft of new leased construction for the combined Supervisor's Office, Clearwater Ranger District, Interagency Dispatch Center, and warehouse.
- The Capital Improvement project is underway for the Grangeville Air Center Operations Center to provide space for a parachute loft, ready room, office space, new restroom facilities, retardant storage, and parking expansion.
- Repaired lift station pumps for the Red River Ranger Station.
- Closed underground storage tank at Red River Ranger Station for EPA compliance.
- Installed emergency shut off switches and breakaway valves at fueling stations as part of the Forest's Spill Prevention and Countermeasure Control plans for hazardous materials security.
- Decommissioned eight storage sheds and mobile homes as part of Strategic Facilities Master Plan to reduce deferred maintenance requirements.
- Disposed of six unused fuel tanks to reduce the Forest's hazardous materials storage capacity by 6,000 gallons.
- Maintained licensed operators for the water and wastewater systems and Slate Creek, Fenn, and Red River Ranger Stations.
- Performed scheduled and emergency utility system repairs for the water and sewer systems at Slate Creek, Fenn, and Red River Ranger Stations.
- Conducted deferred maintenance surveys and reporting as scheduled.
- Distributed consumer confidence reports for the drinking water systems at Slate Creek, Fenn, and Red River Ranger Station.
- Ongoing maintenance at Slate Creek, Clearwater, Red River, and Moose Creek Ranger Districts through the substantial efforts of the unit facilities managers and maintenance personnel.

Grants & Agreements

NEZ PERCE			Forest Service		Cooperator	Cooperator	Cooperator	
	Number Executed		Contribution Type - Cash	Contribution Type-Non-Cash	Contribution Type - Cash	Contribution Type - In Kind	Contribution Type - Non Cash	Totals
Agreement Type								
Collection	5			\$143,750	50,415			194,165
Cost Share	3	949		1113		4400		6,462
Inter-Agency Participating	9	3,391			487,877			491,268
	15	265,271		132,325	285,000	11,374	448,627	1,142,597
	32	269611		277188	823292	15774	448,627	1,834,492

Heritage

Continued:

Restoration efforts at the historic Adams Ranger Station in cooperation with the North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee.

Site monitoring activity at a Nez Perce village site in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness.

Completed:

All stipulated FY07 work concerning Heritage accomplishments for the Frank Church Wilderness Programmatic Agreement.

Entered all of the Forest's 975 cultural resource sites into GIS and INFRA (electronic mapping and data programs).

Burned Area Emergency Recovery (BAER) work and specialist support work for the 2007 fire season.

Completed 17 heritage resource projects and successfully gained concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on each as needed.

- Managed 23 sites to standard
- Surveyed 2,340 acres
- Managed 34 previously recorded sites during SHPO consultation
- Recorded 12 new historic sites and 9 new prehistoric sites

North Central Idaho RAC **Payments to States & the North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee**

In response to Title II of Public Law 106-393: "Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000," (The Act) The North Central Idaho Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) worked in collaboration with the FS and local communities for the last seven years to recommend, fund and implement \$ 5,298,196 worth of projects on the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests within a five county area (Idaho, Clearwater, Latah, Nezperce and Lewis). These projects covered the full range of natural resource management and restoration work on the national forests. In design and selection of projects, emphasis was placed on providing work opportunities in local communities and promoting partnerships.

The RAC experience in the five county area has fostered increased understanding of National Forest needs, issues and complexities. Further, by bringing together diverse interests the RAC has promoted an atmosphere of collaboration among various interest groups throughout the area.

In FY07 the Nez Perce National Forest continued to complete ongoing projects for trail improvements, stand exams, and watershed restoration. The forest also initiated over \$500,000 worth of watershed restoration projects in Crooked River and South Fork Clearwater River drainages. The forest has been cooperating with the RAC for over seven years to support (\$50,000) integrated weed management in the Salmon River Weed Management Area.

Purchasing/Contracts

Procurement Preference Program: Following are the procurement preference program accomplishments. Total dollars spent on the forest as of September 30, 2007 was \$2,971,106.

Small Business: Nez: 95.63% Acquisition Management Zone (AQM): 88.19%
Small Disadvantaged: Nez: 1.04% AQM Zone: 16.13%
Women Owned: Nez: 1.44% AQM Zone: 12.89%
*8(a): Nez: 8.53% AQM Zone: 16.02%
HubZone: Nez: 73.02% AQM Zone: 16.02%
Veteran: Nez: .42% AQM Zone: 15.72%
Small Disadv Veteran Owned Business: Nez: 0% AQM Zone: 2.93%

*An 8a subcontractor is a Small Business Administration (SBA) subcontractor that is eligible for participation under a program established by Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act. A Small Disadvantaged Business is a sole proprietor/firm that is certified by the Small Business Administration.

The Forest accomplished approximately \$570,412.35 performance based service contracts which accounted for 26% of the contracts awarded in FY 2007 on the Nez Perce National Forest.

Real Property Management: The Forest is at 100% completion for sites and features for the real property inventory.

Recreation/Wilderness

FOREST WIDE

- The Forest completed the analysis and the Forest Supervisor made the decision to issue new 10 year Term Outfitter and Guide Permits to all 34 O/G operations on the Forest.
- Forest staff designed and had a local contractor develop OHV Information boards for winter and summer OHV use on the Gospel Corridor in partnership with Idaho State grant.
- The Forest began the Recreation Site Facilities Master Planning process, and conducted three open house public meetings and published 3 public news releases.
- The Forest recreation staff began developing issue statements and indicators in the Designated Routes and Motor Vehicle Use planning from Public Comments raised in scoping.
- Forest recreation, fire and public affairs staffs collaborated to develop a draft Forest wide Conservation Education Plan, and met the target assigned by the Regional Office.
- District and Forest recreation managers completed 100% of Deferred Maintenance Surveys of facilities at recreation sites.
- Forest staff completed National Visitor Use Monitoring follow-up reporting and summary.
- Forest and district staff participated and worked with the Idaho Aviation Network in the Airfield Planning and classifications.
- The Forest managed the Forest Land Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) program with high degree of fiscal accountability. The Forest nominated, and had selected a Forest member to the Regional Fee Board to help evaluate fee proposals across the Region and develop strategies for RRAC presentations.
- The Forest donated a Cabin Rental stay at a community fund raiser.
- District and Forest Recreation, Wilderness and Rivers personnel worked as Fire Resource Advisors, Agency Administrators, fireline packers and other line and support to wildland and WFU fires across all Ranger Districts.
- District and Forest recreation employees attended the career fair at the University of Idaho to recruit future Forest Service managers.
- The Forest honored National Public Lands Day by offering all developed sites (excluding cabins) fee-free for the day of Sept. 29.
- Outfitter and Guide managers and most line offices hosted a coordination meeting in the spring and invited all outfitters. Over half to the permit holders or designated agents were in attendance.
- Completed Air Quality monitoring within the Gospel Hump Wilderness which will contribute to the Gospel Hump being managed to standard in 2008.



Northwest Youth Corps constructing fence at Fish Creek Meadows

WEST ZONE (Clearwater/Salmon River Ranger Districts)

Trail Work

- Cleared 26 miles of the Salmon River Trail
- Signed motorized and non-motorized trails adjacent to the Gospel Hump Wilderness
- Completed Travel Management Objectives (TMO) for all Zone trails
- Completed 248 miles of trail opening with contract crews across Zone
- Completed 47.5 miles of trail restoration in the Black Butte and Horse Heaven Fire areas

Gospel-Hump Wilderness OHV Info., Education, & Enforcement State Grant

- Replaced and re-set numerous motorized and non-motorized trail signs adjacent to and within GH Wilderness.
- Conducted 6 vehicle patrols in and around GH Wilderness.
- Conducted 8 Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) trail patrols in and around GH Wilderness.
- 25+ public contacts, 5-10 at dispersed camps with OHV's present. Handed out informational brochures, maps, and registration information.
- Located and installed 4 new Wilderness boundary carsonite markers along corridor.
- Located and installed 7 new 16 foot winter Wilderness Boundary Signs.
- Designed and installed 1 new Gospel-Hump OHV Interpretive Sign.

Salmon River

- Designated new river user garbage receptacle facility
- Partially installed new fencing around garbage containers
- Replaced portions of rotting fence at Allison Creek Picnic Area
- Replaced wooden picnic table planks at Allison Creek and Spring Bar Campground
- Constructed locking grey water cover for host site
- Pruned, limbed, trimmed Spring Bar Campground Orchard Trees
- Assisted in Archaeological survey of Carey Creek proposed renovation
- Cut out trees along Salmon River Road
- Pulled out malfunctioning water system pump
- Conducted hazard tree assessment at recreation sites along Salmon River



Grooming Nordic Ski Trail

Fish Creek Meadows Recreation Site

- Conducted intensive hazard tree assessment throughout site
- Hosted a Forest Service station for Snowmobile Bingo Fun Ride
- Provided winter Forest Service presence with weekend snowmobile patrols
- Provided Nordic Trail Grooming and Winter Snowpark Maintenance
- Hosted Free Ski Day for community
- Hosted Northwest Youth Corps for 7-day log rail fence reconstruction

South Fork Clearwater River

- Replaced stolen fire ring at Nelson Creek
- Repaired vandalism at multiple toilets
- Constructed locking grey water cover for host site
- Conducted hazard tree assessment at recreation sites along River

EAST ZONE (Moose Creek/Red River Ranger Districts)

- Contract administration and completion of the Fog Mtn. Trailhead reconstruction project and replacement of the toilet facilities at Johnson Bar and Slims Camp.
- Administration of 8 out of 12 recreation sites along the Selway to standard.
- Once weekly collections and accounting of fees at fee sites as required by FLREA.
- Deferred maintenance and cleanup was accomplished at Lookout Butte to satisfy Health and Safety deficiencies and allowing to reopen for nightly rental in Spring 2008.
- Opening of Meadow Creek Cabin for rental.
- Purchase and transport to site of shakes, fence rails and posts for deferred maintenance roofing and fencing project at Meadow Creek Cabin.
- Provided Campground Hosts at O'Hara Campground.
- Hosted the Montana Conservation Corps crew leader training in April.

Road Operation & Maintenance

The road maintenance program had a busy and productive year in FY 2007. Approximately 828 miles of the Forest road network received maintenance from various sources as follows:

- 1) Force account and contract performance = 419 miles
- 2) Purchaser performance = 96 miles
- 3) Other agency performed maintenance = 313 miles

Contract Brushing - 78 miles

Special Maintenance Projects

Selway Road #223 - drainage and surfacing improvement - 2 miles

Scott Saddle #9911 - BAER cutslope stabilization

Seven Devils #517 - BAER culvert replacement on W. Fork Shingle Creek

Coolwater Road #317 - 2 culvert replacements

Lower Cougar Road #648 - Installed cattle guard @ approach to Camp 58

Bull Run Cove Road #243A - Repaired fill failure and installed two driveable dips

Construction Performance

Reconstruction

Slate Creek Road - 10.5 miles - \$850k

American River Stewardship - 16 Miles - \$352k

Buckshot TS - 5.5 Miles - \$71k

Total 32 miles - \$1.34 M

Obliteration/Soil Restoration

Orchard Creek (NPT CoOp) - 17 miles - \$95K

American River Stew - 7.5 miles - \$137K

Upper Red River Phase (NPT CoOp) 1 - 12 miles - \$103K

Upper Red River Phase 2 (NPT CoOp) - 10.5 miles - \$86K

Burnt Flats - 16 miles - \$112K

Total 63 miles - \$533K

*Aquatic Organism Passage**

Slide Creek - included in Slate Creek Road price

Covert Creek - \$59K

Hepner Creek - \$62K

Upper Main Red River - \$62K

Mare Creek - \$91K

* all projects except Slide Creek were NPT CoOp projects

Total 5 crossings - \$274K

Instream Projects

Crooked River Stewardship - \$230K

False Creek - \$58K

Total 2 projects - \$288K

Grand Total - \$2.23M

Design and Package Prep - Ready TS, Hepner Creek, Upper Main Red River, Mare Creek, Upper Red River Phase 2 Obliteration, Orchard Creek Soil Restoration, Blackwall TS, Dixie Airstrip TS, Antler TS, Newsome Creek Obliteration, Relief Creek, Selway Gravel 3, and O'Hara Gravel Stockpile.

All Deferred Maintenance Inspections and Reporting were conducted on schedule. All Bridge Inspections were conducted on schedule.

Roads Continued...



Completed Fish Passage Culvert at Mare Creek - photo by Jake Strohmeyer



Retaining Wall on Slate Creek Road - photo by Jake Strohmeyer

Silviculture

Salmon River Ranger District:

- Climbed 130 trees on Boise National Forest to collect scion wood for grafting in an effort obtain genetic gains in Ponderosa Pine.
- Climbed 200 trees in the Meadow Creek (McComas Meadows) lodgepole Plantation for grafting in an effort to obtain genetic gains in lodgepole.
- Identified two potential sites for a future White Bark Pine tree improvement plantation.
- Performed seedling release in the Bentz Ridge Ponderosa Pine Plantation.
- Started marking the Meadow Creek (McComas Meadows) lodgepole plantation for thinning.
- Field verified the loss of White Bark Pine Plus Trees to the 2006 Black Butte/Heavens Gate Fires. Began relocating and monumenting replacement trees for future Plus Trees.
- Maintained and irrigated 56 acres of Region 4 Ponderosa Pine trees at the Salmon River Seed Orchard.
- Performed Genetic Quick Check exams on two ponderosa pine plantations and one lodgepole pine plantation.
- Made several field visits to locate potential Ponderosa Pine and Western Larch cone crops.
- Supported fire suppression activities, utilizing the Salmon River Seed Orchard as a Helibase.

Red River Ranger District:

- Preplant exams: 665 acres
- Stocking survey: 375 acres
- Plantation survival surveys: 160 acres
- Planting: 52 acres
- Precommercial thinning: 300 acres
- Whitebark pine cone collection: (genetic) 10 trees
- Scion collection: 80 acres
- Stand Exams: 200 acres
- Prescriptions (fuel reduction) 150 acres
- NEPA accomplished: 1 CE
- Prescription modifications: 1300 acres
- New projects initiated: 2 CE's
- Timber sale boundary modifications: 500 acres

Soil & Water

- Completed 109 acres of improvements using appropriated soil and water funds
- Completed 531 acres of improvements using various funds, including Bonneville Power Administration, Knutson-Vandenberg, Resource Advisory Committee, stewardship contracting and other Forest Service funding
- Assisted in 6.6 miles of stream restoration design
- Assisted in 4.0 miles of stream restoration implementation
- Conducted burned area assessments and contributed to suppression rehabilitation plans on two 2007 wildfires, totaling 159,800 acres
- Implemented burned area treatments on three wildfires of 2006 and 2007
- Completed pre-treatment monitoring on four soil restoration sites
- Completed inventory and design of 213 soil restoration sites
- Completed LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) data acquisition for an area of 79,000 acres and used it to map historic mining impact areas and legacy nonsystem roads
- Provided technical support to integrated invasives inventory of 3,175 acres and over 10,500 acres of treatment in collaboration with Idaho County



*Pre-treatment Soil Restoration Monitoring
Photo by Pat Green*



*Burned Area Assessment - Poe Cabin Fire
Photo by Nick Gerhardt*

Timber Sale Program

FY07 Timber Accomplishments:

- Volume Offered: Target = 17 MMBF
Offer = 24.4 MMBF (2 sales no bids - 5 MMBF)
Accomplishment = 19.4 MMBF
- Volume Harvested: 28.5 MMBF; Value = \$1,542,482
- Personal Use Firewood: 301 permits; 2,839 cords; Value = \$14,195
- Native American Firewood: 4 permits; 51 CCF; Value = \$200
- Free Use Posts and Poles (Salmon River District): 23 permits; 1,832 CCF; Value = \$459
- Free Use Posts and Poles (Elk City District): 52 permits; 4,092 CCF; Value = \$1,060
- Christmas Trees: 170 trees; Value = \$839
- Free/Personal Use Mushrooms: 343 permits; 16,415 lbs.; Value = \$6,566

Crooked River Stewardship Project

The Crooked River Stewardship Project was awarded to Bennett Forest Industries/Three Rivers on February 10, 2006. The sale included an estimated volume over 16 million board feet. Approximately 3 million board feet remains to be harvested. Logging activity will continue through December, 2007, or until the remaining volume is removed. Final clean-up, erosion control work and volume removal (if any) will resume next spring.

Contractors have completed all mandatory service/restoration work and approximately 98% of the authorized optional service/restoration work. Re-vegetation associated with the in-stream work is all that remains. This remaining work will be completed next spring.

Two Relief Creek culverts were funded by the Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) on 9/6/2006. These are both under contract for completion in 2008.

The RAC also funded 0.8 miles of in-stream improvements (\$200,000) from Five Mile to Orogrande. A portion of this work is scheduled for completion in 2008. The Forest has completed both the required and the additional in-stream work identified in the ROD, and has accomplished more than the required restoration work.



Ray Cox, Sale Administrator, explains vegetation treatments associated with timber stands on Wheeler Mountain, Red River R.D., during General Management Review - photo by Laura Smith

The South Fork water monitoring project is also funded by the RAC through 2008. This project is intended to demonstrate the improvement of the water quality that is the result of the restoration work in the South Fork.

American River Stewardship Project

The American River Stewardship Project was awarded to Bennett Forest Industries/Three Rivers on September 13, 2006. The sale included an estimated volume of 8.3 million board feet. Approximately 3.5 million board feet remains to be harvested. Timber harvest in Subdivision 1 is nearly complete, as well as the required restoration work. The table below illustrates the restoration work that has been completed in Subdivision 1. Completion of this work is a prerequisite to moving into Subdivision 2. Harvest operations are expected to resume later this fall and continue into the winter.

Restoration Work in Subdivision 1

<u>Required Restoration Work</u>	<u>Work Planned</u>	<u>Work Completed</u>
Road Decommissioning	3.71 mi.	2.82 mi.
Watershed Road Improvement	2.06 mi	2.06 mi.
Soil Restoration - Linear	1.48 mi	1.48 mi.
Soil Restoration - Area	0.7 ac.	0.7 ac.
 <u>Optional (Authorized) Service Work</u>	 <u>Work Planned</u>	 <u>Work Complete</u>
Road Decommissioning	0.08 miles	0.08 miles

Trails & Recreation Construction

Reconstruction Projects:

Contracts:

NF Slate Creek	7.2 miles	Award 2006, complete 2007
Cache Creek Trail	12.0 miles	Award 2006, complete 6.2 miles 2007, remainder in 2008
Sable-Parallel Trail	9.5 miles	Award 2006, completed 2007
Moore's-Black Butte V	1.2 miles	Award 2007, complete in 2008
Blacktail 417	1.9 miles	Award 2007, complete in 2008

Force Account:

Bilk Mountain Trail	1.5 miles	Completed 1.1 miles in 2006, Finished Summer 2007
Bear Creek Bridge Approaches	.2 miles	Completed

Cooperators:

9301 Road to Trail Conversion	2.2 miles	Partially completed in 2007, remaining work to occur 2008
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Fire Rehabilitation

Force Account:

Trail 88, Bullion Trail	6.0 miles	Erosion control work and tread Regrade
Trail 312. Moore's-Black Butte	6.0 miles	Erosion control work, tread regrade Re-build failed crib walls
Trail 311, Johnson Saddle	5.9 miles	Erosion control work, tread regrade Re-build failed crib walls and Brushing
Trail 201, Sheep Creek	3.0 miles	Erosion control work and tread Regrade
Trail 62, Dog Ridge	2.5 miles	Erosion control work and tread Re-grade
Trail 113, WF Rapid River	2.0 miles	Erosion control work and tread Re-grade

Cooperators:

Trail 505, Divide	12 miles	Erosion control work and tread Regrade with Idaho Parks & Rec.
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Contract

Trail 88, Centennial	2.0 miles	Erosion control work
Trail 163, Scott Ranch	3.0 miles	Erosion control work and tread leveling

Trail Maintenance:

8 Maintenance Contractors	680 miles
Force Account	193.5 miles
Volunteers/Partnerships	300.3 miles
TOTAL	1,173.8 miles

Removal of one failed trail bridge at Fox Creek

Small Contracts:

Swan Creek ATV Trail Brushing	4.75 miles	Award FY06, Complete 2008
Big Burn Point ATV Trail Brushing	5.8 miles	Award FY06, Complete 2008
Crooked Creek Trail 215 Brushing	11.0 miles	Award FY06, partial completion 08, Fire delayed completion
East Boyd Trail 703 Brushing	9.0 miles	Award FY06
Glover Trail 704 Brushing	12.8 miles	Award FY06, partial completion 2008
Rackliff Trail 702 Brushing	7.0 miles	Award FY06, Complete 2008
Centennial Trail Brushing	6.7 miles	Award FY07, 4.5 Miles Completed 2007, remainder Scheduled for 2008
Milner Trail Brushing	10 miles	Award FY07, scheduled for 2008
Fish Creek Trail Brushing	10 miles	Award FY07, scheduled for 2008
Rhoda Creek Trail Brushing	6.0 miles	Award FY07, scheduled for 2008

Deferred Maintenance Condition Surveys:

Trails, Force Account	32 miles (77% of assigned trails completed, 12% not completed due to fires)
Trail Bridges,	3 ea. (100% of required)

Cooperator Groups:

Back Country Horsemen, Twin Rivers & North Central Idaho Chapters
 Pathfinders ATV Club
 Valley Cats Snowmobile & ATV Club
 Dust Devil's ATV Club
 State of Idaho Parks & Recreation
 Trail Rangers Program, in conjunction with Dust Devil's, High Mountain
 Trail Machine Association, and Pathfinders ATV Club.
 Park-n-Ski Program for Cross-Country Ski Trail Grooming at Fish Creek
 Idaho County and State of Idaho Parks & Recreation for Snowmobile Trail
 Grooming.
 Idaho County Snowmobile Advisory Board for Area 24A & B
 Northwest Youth Corp.
 Montana Conservation Corp
 Retired Smokejumpers
 Meadow Creek Trail Volunteer Group

RECREATION CONSTRUCTION

Slim's Camp Toilet Replacement	Complete 2007
Dry Saddle Trailhead Toilet Replacement	Complete 2007
Orogrande Summit Toilet Replacement	Contract Award FY06, Installed scheduled for 2007, delayed due to fire in area
Orogrande Campground 1 & 2 Toilet Replacements	Complete 2007
Johnson Bar Toilet Replacement	Complete 2007
Poet Creek Campground Toilet Replacement	Contract Award FY07, Install 2008

Competed successfully for the following grant with Idaho Parks & Recreation:
 Red River Motorized Trail Maintenance - \$10,000

Volunteers - Thank You

Fish Creek Campground Hosts: 76 Volun!teer hours

South Fork Campground Host: 255 Volunteer hours

Adams Historic Ranger Station: Approximately 45 volunteer hours

Trail Work

Backcountry Horseman: 2 projects (10 miles trail opening and trail sign installation Oxbow-Chain Trail)

Pathfinders ATV Club: 84.2 miles trail opening and 4 miles road to trail conversion including bridge removal

High Mountain Trail Machine Motorcycle Club: 70 miles of trail opening

Sno-drifters Snowmobile Club: 106 miles of snowmobile trail grooming

Adams Historic Ranger Station

- Began multitier rock retaining wall between cabin and driveway
- Finished off upstairs bedrooms: framed closet, installed celotex onto interior walls; installed butt joint lathe, quarter round, baseboards, window and door jambs, casing, stools, and aprons; painted interior walls, stair railing, and casing, stained lathe and quarter round; installed doors and windows; added two floor registers to allow heat to rise upstairs; sanded, cleaned, and finished Douglas fir flooring; installed shoe molding
- Constructed stair entry onto cabin front porch; replaced section of front porch sill log
- Painted exterior trim
- Installed ceiling tiles in downstairs of cabin
- Installed single wall and triple wall stove/ chimney pipes for wood stove
- Cut, hauled, split, and stacked firewood
- Constructed propane tank housing and plumbed LPG lines
- Back hauled substantial amounts of construction debris from site
- Installed new toilet



Wilderness Ranger Volunteers Ken and Harriet Stump volunteered as wilderness rangers to conduct project level inventories and educate and inform the public to increase support of wilderness; practiced minimum impact techniques while in the field with stock. They conducted at least 10 inventories in the Gospel-Hump Wilderness (GHW),

they also obtained latitude/longitude locations with GPS and documented sites with photos. **Note** the Frank Church River Of No Return and GHW were closed most of the summer field season due to fire activity.



SCA Brenden Baitch and Kaylee Steffel staff the Idaho County Fair - photo by Laura Smith

Student Conservation Aides Brenden Baitch and Kaylee Steffel went door to door in the Salmon River area informing landowners about Fire Wise techniques. Their face-to-face visits resulted in the completion of 175 home assessments. The assessments will be used to develop fire prevention plans for the local ranger district, fire department, and the Idaho County Disaster Mitigation specialists.

The SCA volunteers' technological skills proved to be an asset for the Nez Perce N.F.: Brenden completed power point presentations, posters and newspapers articles for the forest that were disseminated both locally and nationally. He also assisted with a National Forest Fire History display for the Nez Perce and Idaho County Fairs. Kaylee's skills with GIS (geographical mapping system), allowed her to assist with mapping at crucial times throughout the fire season and to provide support to several fire management teams on the Poe Cabin Fire.

Wildlife Habitat

Wildlife Habitat Improvement

- ❖ Orchard Creek Decommissioning (Meadow Creek) to improve wildlife security
- ❖ Upper Red River Decommissioning Phase II to improve wildlife security

Wildlife Inventory and Monitoring

- ❖ Lynx snowtrack surveys in conjunction with Rocky Mountain Research Station (47 grid units surveyed) - Forestwide
- ❖ Fisher Hair Snare (10 surveys sites, 40 traps) - CRD, SRRD
- ❖ Peregrine falcon monitoring - produced 2 young - SRRD
- ❖ Regional bat surveys for Townsend's big-eared bat and fringed myotis (3 streams, 2 ponds) - CRD, MCRD, ECRD
- ❖ Bat surveys at abandoned mine sites (12 mines surveyed) - ECRD
- ❖ 1 anabat station installed to collect bat calls (in partner with Bat Conservation International) - SRRD
- ❖ Bald eagle surveys in partner in BLM - SRRD
- ❖ Partnership with RO and IDFG on migratory birds surveys in old growth
- ❖ Partnership with RO and IDFG on snail inventories.



Joel Sauder (IDFG) and Joanne Bonn installing bat box. Photo by Connie Saylor

Wildlife Projects

- ❖ Installed 3 bat houses at Moose Creek RS (Selway Bitterroot Wilderness) in partner with IDFG - MCRD

Rare Plants

- ❖ Updated rare plant guide for the Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forests - Forestwide
- ❖ Mike Hays - rare plant surveys to validate rare plant habitat models - Forestwide

Health & Safety

- Chainsaw and Crosscut Saw Program Completed and Signed March, 2007
- New Check out / Check-in Procedures with new Interagency Dispatch Center working effectively
- Hearing Conservation Program updated 2007
- New Defensive Driving Course (DDC) Instructor
- COOP Continuity of Operations Plan 2007
- Human Pandemic Plan 2007
- Predator Job Hazard Analysis for field season 2007
- Wellness Plan Completed and Signed March, 2007
- Snowmobile Based / Avalanche Awareness training February 2007
- Hunter Education Classes
- New Employee Orientation Safety Program CD power point presentation and training for each Ranger District
- Violence Prevention in the Workplace 2007
- Explosives Program Coordinator
- Support to Fire Incident Camps

Human Resource Team

Some highlights of the Human Resource Team activities include:

- Completed Take your Child to Work Day events featuring instruction in hydrology, Native American history, and fire fighting.
- Co-sponsored the Tribal Youth Camp featuring Native American tools and history, hydrology, leave no trace camping, and smoke jumper operations.
- Attended the University of Idaho Natural Resource and Agriculture Career Fair and visited with approximately 50 students about: STEP, SCEP, Seasonal positions.
- Red River Ranger district administered their disabled hunter program providing over 100 hunter field days.
- 2007 Employee Day Celebration Co-sponsor with the Clearwater National Forest, featuring retired Regional Forester, Ellie Towns.
- Gary Furman and Jack Carlson were recognized for taking an active role in improving the quality of employees' work environment.
- Nez Perce showcase featuring Nez Perce employees and their talents.
- Brown bag lunch features including; Native American Women Today, African Culture, Dancing & Drumming.
- Breast cancer awareness promotions and Komen Race for the Cure participation.
- Provided office space for working parents.



*Tribal Youth Camp teamwork!
Photo by Steve Armstrong*

Minerals

During fiscal year 2007, the Salmon River Ranger District was assigned 10 targets, and the Red River Ranger District was assigned 11 targets. Both Districts exceeded expectations by accomplishing 50 targets for the Forest.

Salmon River Ranger District

Of the 50 targets, the Salmon River Ranger District accomplished a total of 15 targets.

Target accomplishment breakdown includes:

- 3 plans of operations processed and approved for mineral prospecting and
- 12 existing operations administered to standard

The Salmon River Ranger District received 4 proposed plans of operations for exploration that are awaiting Federal and State permits, completion of NEPA and bonds.

Red River Ranger District

The Red River Ranger District accomplished 35 targets.

Target accomplishment breakdown includes:

- 10 notices of intent and 1 plan of operation submitted and approved for prospecting
- 5 mineral material permits issued for landscape rocks (dredge tailings).
- 16 existing operations administered to standard and
- 3 abandoned adit safety hazards closed by the District

The Red River Ranger District also received 3 proposed plans of operations for exploration that are awaiting completion of NEPA and/or bonds.

Planning

All Districts)

The following is a list of projects that we completed environmental analysis and documentation. This completed our required step before implementing any land disturbing activities. The Schedule of Proposed Actions summarizes the current analyses for proposed projects on the forest. You can view past and current Nez Perce NF SOPA reports in PDF or HTM formats at <http://www.fs.fed.us/sopa/forest-level.php?110117>.

Environmental Impact Statements

- Red Pines FEIS and Record of Decision - Red River RD
- Meadow Face, Draft Supplemental EIS - Clearwater RD

Environmental Assessments

- Blacktail Fuels Reduction - Clearwater RD

Categorical Exclusions

- Riverview Allotment - Island Range Allotment - Salmon River RD
- O'Hara Forest Health Project - Moose Creek RD
- Whitewater Prescribed Fire - Red River RD

RECREATION- Forest Wide

This year we started Designated Route and Area for Motor Vehicle Use Planning (DRAMVU) - Forestwide. Our website will be a primary means of communicating with interested parties. It will be regularly updated to share current information and to facilitate communication with remote public stakeholders. <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/nezperce/recreation/index-dramvu.shtml>



Nez Perce Forest Leadership Team and Program Leaders gathered for a group photo in May before departing for a General Management Review fieldtrip. Photo by Erica Wilsey

Our New Dig!



Front view of new Headquarter's Office in Grangeville (which includes the Supervisor's Office and the Clearwater Ranger District Office) - photo by Jenny Stephenson

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